Dear Armadale Community,

**Parent Opinion Survey**
Over forty surveys were distributed to students on Monday and yesterday as part of this year’s Parent Opinion Survey. This is a very important source of feedback for all Victorian Government Schools. We would be very grateful if these surveys could be returned to my office as soon as possible.

If you are one of the families that have been randomly selected to complete this survey, we thank you in advance for your valuable time to complete the survey and for your well thought out feedback.

**Being safe in our school Yard**
Safety for all of our children is our utmost priority and unfortunately at times when playing and running in the school grounds, the fun can often turn to tears. Our teachers will often reinforce the rules of playground games with the younger children to ensure that no one gets hurt. Unfortunately this often unravels during the peak times of pick up and drop offs near the Prep area. It would be helpful if parents could remind children of safety when chatting in the yard, and keeping a very close eye on what is occurring. I also had to speak to the Prep children recently about respecting each other’s personal space and had to have that talk about “not touching each other’s private parts”. We would really appreciate it if families could have a discussion with children about respect and privacy and reaffirm the appropriate behaviours we are expecting at school.

**Undesirable activity in our school grounds**
Unfortunately the children are reporting an increase in graffiti around our school which seems to be appearing during the weekend. As members of the community use our school grounds for sport training or just playing on the equipment over the weekend I would be loath to lock the school completely. Could I ask parents who pop into the school on the weekends, if they could keep an eye on any older children hanging around without parental supervision and if you do see anything suspicious please let me know on Monday morning. Thank you for your help with this.

**Honk! Jnr**

**Administrative Assistant required**
Laura and her team would be grateful if any parent had a few hours spare each week leading up to the production, to help out as an administrative assistant.

No previous experience necessary, but if you have worked in theatre before that would be wonderful. Please let Laura know at school.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Rochelle Cukier
Principal

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**This Week’s Events**

- **Friday 29 July**
  - Year 4 Art excursion to Heide

- **Tuesday 2 August**
  - ICAS English
  - Prep music incursion
  - PFA meeting 2.30pm in staffroom

- **Wednesday 3 August**
  - Year 3&4 Hooptime gala day

- **Thursday 4 August**
  - House Athletics Years 3-6
  - Year 5 August

**Coming Events**

- **Tuesday 9 August**
  - Mini Olympics fun day

- **Wednesday 10 August**
  - Year 5&6 Greek arts/dance incursion

- **Thursday 11 August**
  - Year 6 CERES excursion

- **Friday 12 August**
  - Curriculum day - student free day

- **Tuesday 16 August**
  - ICAS Maths

- **Friday 19 August**
  - Trivia Night

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Sports News

House Athletics
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 4 August

Information about the upcoming House Athletics day on Thursday 4 August has been distributed to all Year 3-6 children. The detailed information is also available on the school website.

Mini Olympics Fun Day
Tuesday 9 August

An exciting day is planned for a whole school Mini Olympics day. Come dressed as an athlete from an Olympic sport on the day.

Somers Camp

From the 12th to the 20th of July, 20 year 6 students went to Somers Camp. Somers is a regional camp where 14 different schools attended.

Some of the activities were: Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Bike Ed, Rock Climbing, Archery, Bush Cooking, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Environmental Studies and many more.

We had Morning activities after breakfast and at night after dinner you could either go to mini golf, spend your money at the canteen or go in the games room.

In each hut there were 20 boys or girls and in each group there were 10 boys and 10 girls.

We all had an awesome time.

Henry and Luca

Prep & Year 1&2 Bulletins

Please click on the following link to read this week’s news from your child’s year level:

♦ Prep bulletin
♦ Year 1&2 bulletin

or go to the Students tab on the website and then your child’s class for all the latest news.

Student Awards

This week’s student awards were presented to:

♦ Stella Phillips
♦ Nikola Athanasopoulos
♦ Luella Nass
The Culture and Community leaders, Alessandro and Jack, told us about an app they have been using in their Italian lessons.

It is free and the activities are fun and help you learn Italian or any language. You can even use it at home.

It’s called Duolingo. Go onto the website and try it out. [https://www.duolingo.com/](https://www.duolingo.com/)

### Italian Day

Italian Day is on Thursday 15th September. Please keep the date free if you would like to volunteer as a parent helper on the day.

Grazie.

*Vita Vampatella*

*Italian Language Co-ordinator*

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**Notizie d’italiano**

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**Library News**

**Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

The closing date for the PRC is September 9th, you still have lots of time to finish those books J

**Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Short list:** The notables list has now been put into a short list. There are some really great titles including *Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas* and *Molly & Pim*. These books are available in the Library for students to browse and will be available in Term 4 for borrowing. [https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016](https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016)

**Returns reminder:** A reminder will be sent out soon to get some of those overdue books back.

**Book Week!**

Introducing our first Author who will speak to all the students on Thursday 18th August (week leading up to Book Week).

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**ICAS English**

Tuesday 2 August

The ICAS English will be held in the Library for those children involved next Tuesday 2 August.

This will be held in the Library before school from 8:00-9:00am or after school from 3:45-4:45pm.

A reminder notice will be sent out before the end of the week. Children need to come to the Library at their selected time.

Please note that the ICAS Maths will be held on Tuesday 16 August.

*Peter Cracknell*

*ICAS Coordinator*

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**Felice Arena**

AUTHOR, ILLUSTRATOR

Felice Arena is one of Australia’s much-loved children’s authors. His books have topped bestseller lists and garnered several awards, including six Australian Children’s Choice Book Awards – plus in 2013 he was awarded KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards) Legend of the Year. His works include the incredibly popular Specky Magee series, the hilarious Farticus Maximus books, Whippersnapper, Wish, the Boyz-Ruie and Guriz-Rock books, the action-packed bionic-hero series Andy Rold, and most recently the Sporty Kids series. Follow Felice on Twitter and Instagram @Fleech or visit his site: [www.felicearena.com](http://www.felicearena.com)
Parents & Friends of Armadale (PFA)

Hi Armadale families,

As term 3 progresses, we have some fun activities coming up ..........

Trivia Night
If you have not already done so, you can pay for the Trivia night at the front office or via QKR. The cost is $30 per head. And make sure you complete the table lists, that are currently by the front office, with all your team’s names. Thank you and may the best team win.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Trivia night. We currently have over 70 items to be won. Amazing effort. If you still have items you wish to donate for the auction, please let Dimitry Millear know (0417 014 475) or e-mail armadalepfa@gmail.com

Mum’s Movie Night
Join the girls for a fun night out! The PFA is hosting a private screening of “Bad Mums” on Friday 12th August at the Palace Cinema Como. Tickets are $30 each, which includes a 6:30pm screening and a glass of wine on arrival. Further details are available on the flyer distributed by your class rep.

Thank you! To all the parents, class reps and PFA members who continue to help us with our fundraising efforts.

Kind regards

The Armadale PFA Committee
Email: armadalepfa@gmail.com

Father’s Day
This year for Father’s Day the PFA is hosting a kids’ and Dads’ night on Thursday 15th September. The night will include games and a food truck. Stay tuned for further details.

Armadale Cook Book subcommittee
Submit your recipes in any format to armadalecookbook@gmail.com
They can be anything from favourite family dinners, soups, salads, vegetarian, seafood, rice, pasta, meat, dessert, lunch box snacks, biscuits, gluten free, cakes, to preserves and more!
If you would like to help with this cook book, please contact Sam Haydon 0414 399 488 or on above email.

PFA Meeting
The next PFA Meeting is on Tuesday 2nd August at 2:30pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is open to all Armadale Parents, so everyone is WELCOME. If you are able to help in any way please contact the PFA armadalepfa@gmail.com

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Student Banking

The following student has qualified for a Bronze Dollarmites Certificate for making 10 deposits this year:
♦ Ava Roufail

A Silver Dollarmites Certificate is awarded to:
♦ Misha Saito
♦ Raphael Haddad

for making 20 deposits this year.
Keep saving each week to discover the Prize Lights you could win in the Outback sky competition.

Alison Crone
Student Banking Co-ordinator
Keeping Tax Returns Simple.

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Surviving the Teenage Years

Putting parents back in charge through boundary setting and clear communication

This session will provide parents with useful information and practical tips about young people and social media, drugs and alcohol, mental health and sexuality.

Wednesday 24 August 2016, 7pm – 9pm
Malvern Town Hall, Upstairs Foyer
1251 High Street, Malvern
RSVP Wednesday 17 August
Call 8290 1533 or go to stonnington.vic.gov.au/Discover/Events/Surviving-the-teenage-years

BE HOLISTIC HEALTH PRESENTS

YOGA

Classes (for grown ups) all levels @ Armadale ELC from July 2016

Classes are during term times:
Mondays 11am-12pm
Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm
(Booking essential as places are limited)

Start your yoga journey with Chali from July 2016.

To register or more information:
0435 464 657
beholistichealth.beyoga@gmail.com

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Chess Coaching

Try out 1st lesson for free.

Where: Italian Room
When: Thursday Lunchtimes
14th July – 9th September 2016
Cost: $90 per term ($80 for 2nd sibling)
Benefits: Strategic thinking, improved self-esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, teamwork, analytical skills.

For more info contact Phil on 0421 901 530

Forward this section & payment in an envelope marked “Chess Coaching” to the school office.

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Child’s Full Name: ________________________
Grade: ___ School: ________________________
Email: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________

Payment Due: Friday 29th July
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Cheques: Payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
EFT: Bank: CBA, Acc Name: Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd
bsb: 063201, Acc: 10049289
** please place child’s name on transaction**
$90 cheque: ☐ EFT: ☐